



1885 Letter of Matthew A. Stickney, Including an 1809 Autograph Paper of Jacob Perkins, Die-Maker of Massachusetts

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Part of: American Numismatic Society, Early Correspondence, 1858-1908.

Main Correspondents: Matthew A. Stickney; ANS Secretary William Poillon; Jacob Perkins

Main Subject: Stickney donates an 1809 autograph paper of Jacob Perkins, Die-Maker of Massachusetts, to the ANS

Noted Documents:

- Stickney thanks the ANS for their most recent Proceedings, and donates the Perkins autograph paper [Mar. 10, 1885]
- Jacob Perkins' autograph paper [June 1, 1809]

No. 119 Boston Street,
Salem, Mass. March 10, 1885.

Wm. Poillon, Esq.

61 Bethune St.

New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir.

The "Proceedings of the
American Numismatic and
Archaeological Society of New York"
for 1884, was duly received and
is very acceptable.

I rejoice in the apparent
prosperity of our Society, and enclose
for its acceptance, an autograph
paper of Jacob Perkins, born in
Newburyport, Mass., July 9, 1766.

He made the dies for the coin-
age of Mass. 1787 and 1788,
when he was twenty-one years
of age, was an inventor of

plates for bank bills, etc. etc.
See Boston Monthly Magazine by
Sam'l L. Knapp, Feb. 1826,
for portrait and account of him.

He died in England and left
his plates and dies with his
brother Abraham Perkins, with
whose son, I was well acquainted.
He was then at the head of the
N. E. Bank Note Engraving Co.,
and with him I once visited
Newburyport, to see if we could
find the dies from which his
uncle Jacob Perkins had
struck the Washington Medals,
but was not successful.

From him I obtained a set of
all the medals his uncle struck
in white metal, silver and gold,
which I still retain.

With best wishes for the
success of the Society, I am
Yours Truly
Matthew A. Stickney.

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The subscriber relinquishes all further demands on the
Salem Bank, for the yearly annuity, paid him by
said Bank, for the use of Stereotype Dies, in consequence
of said Bank having employed him to make lithographs
-according to, "an Act requiring the several incorporated Banks
in this Commonwealth to adopt the Stereotype Steel
Plate in certain cases"

Woburn Mass June 5th 1809

Jacob Perkins

Jacob V. [unclear]
Melting [unclear]
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